

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
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REFERENCE: S314
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SUBJECT: **GOLDEN BAY SEWERAGE**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek the support of the Engineering Services Committee to have Council sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Council and Manawhenua ki Mohua (Golden Bay Iwi).

2 BACKGROUND

Council staff and Councillors Norriss and Riley have for some time consulted with the Golden Bay Iwi to try to obtain a renewal of the resource consent for the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). As part of that consultation it became apparent that iwi could help Council and together we could build a relationship that would enhance not only the Takaka WWTP but also the Upper Takaka WWTP and Collingwood WWTP.

3 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

As a tool to enhance relations and to also set out a set of guidelines for which each party could have input, a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was drawn up.

The MoA (copy attached) sets out fairly the responsibilities of Council for monitoring, reporting etc. that will be required to be reported back to iwi. With confidence in the WWTP systems, iwi in turn will support longer duration consents.

It should be noted that the testing as set out in the MoA is not additional testing; it is merely the reporting to iwi of the existing and future testing requirements of any resource consent conditions.

The MOA is also not based upon "entrapment", in that both parties can still have differences, but the MOA does provide the mechanisms by which we can have dialogue.

4 SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

It is proposed that the MoA is to be signed at the marae in Pohara in the New Year.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee endorse the Memorandum of Agreement between Manawhenua ki Mohua and the Tasman District Council.

5.2 THAT the Engineering Services Committee agree that the Memorandum of Agreement be signed in the New Year by the Mayor on behalf of the Tasman District Council at a ceremony with Manawhenua ki Mohua.

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Attached: Copy of Memorandum of Agreement